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FROM: MEXICO CITY

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1342, OCTOBER 22, MIDNIGHT

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ELITE EYES ONLY.

ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GOROSTIZA TOLD ME AT 11:00 P.M. MEXICO CITY TIME, OCTOBER 22 THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TELLO VERY BRIEFLY BY LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE AS TELLO WAS BOARDING PLANE TO LEAVE MANILA. TELLO TOLD HIM AMERICAN EMBASSY, MANILA HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SUPPLY COPY OF US DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION ON OCTOBER 23.

GOROSTIZA SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER UNTIL THEY HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO READ DRAFT RESOLUTION. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, HE SAID HIS PRESENT INTENTION WAS TO INSTRUCT MEXICAN DELEGATE AT COUNCIL MEETING MORNING OCTOBER 23 TO VOTE FOR CONVOCAION OF ORGAN OF CONSULTATION. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SEE HOW MEXICO COULD DO ANYTHING BUT ABSTAIN IF DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS VOTED ON IN ORGAN BEFORE HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. ONLY PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO HAVE NOT SEEN TEXT, COULD GIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

HE MENTIONED UPI AND AP DESPATCHES DATED MANILA RE ALLEGED STATEMENTS BY LOPEZ MATEOS AND SAID HE HAD NO CONFIRMATION THEIR ACCURACY. HE KNEW TEXT IN OUR POSSESSION ATTRIBUTES TO LOPEZ MATEOS STATEMENT THAT MEXICO WOULD CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE CONCERNING CUBA IF CUBA ARMS ITSELF FOR OFFENSIVE PURPOSE ("CON PROPOSITOS OFENSIVOS"). AP DESPATCH CONTAINS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LANGUAGE.

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-2- 1343, OCTOBER 22, MIDNIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

WE SHALL TRY TONIGHT TO GET IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE WITH POLAD/
CINCPAC IN HONOLULU AND IF HE DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE TEXT OF US
DRAFT FOR OAS TO GET HIM TO TAKE IT DOWN AND DELIVER IT TO TELLO
AND LOPEZ MATEOS WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN HONOLULU.

OUR FIRST UNEVALUATED INFORMATION IS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH
WAS WELL RECEIVED BY MEXICAN PUBLIC. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE
BETTER APPRAISAL TOMORROW.

SUBSTANCE CIRCULARS 714, 715 HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO GOROSTIZA.

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